

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, EXPOSURE METHOD AND DEVICE  
MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND SURFACE SHAPE DETECTION UNIT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**